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SUBJ: PROTECTION AND WELFARE AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. GOT INSTRUCTIONS TO FACILITATE EMBASSY'S PROTECTION AND WELFARE WORK APPEAR TO HAVE TRICKLED DOWN TO WORKING LEVEL. ON DECEMBER 12, FOR FIRST TIME SINCE AUGUST FIGHTING, EMBOFFS WERE PERMITTED TRAVEL THROUGHOUT KARPASS TO PERFORM VARIETY OF CONSULAR FUNCTIONS. DETAILS OF PARTICULAR W/W CASES BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTELS.

2. TURK CYPRIOT MINDEF OFFICIAL WHO ACCOMPANIED EMBOFFS MADE EVERY EFFORT BE OF REAL ASSISTANCE, ATTEMPTING ASSUAGE SUSPICIONS OF LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDERS. DESPITE THIS, EMBOFFS WERE AMATEURISHLY FOLLOWED ALL DAY AND MOST CONVERSATIONS WITH AMERICAN CITIZENS WERE MONITORED BY LURKING PLAINCLOTHESMEN, IN ADDITION TO EVER PRESENT MINDEF SHADOW.

3. IN GENERAL, WE FOUND MOST AMERICAN CITIZENS AND FEDERAL PENSION BENEFICIARIES IN RELATIVELY GOOD SHAPE. ONLY ONE HAD DIED SINCE AUGUST. NONE REPORTED ILL TREATMENT AND ALL APPEARED TO BE RECEIVING ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES. SEVERAL COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF MEDICAL TREATMENT AND WE WILL EXPLORE WITH TURK CYPRIOT, ICRC, AND UNHCR OFFICIALS PROSPECTS FOR GETTING DOCTORS TO

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THIS AREA. WE WILL ALSO ATTEMPT OBTAIN PERMISSION TO

LEAVE AREA FOR SINGLE AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO EXPRESSED DESIRE RETURN TO UMS. MINFEF OFFICIAL GAVE HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT ANYONE WISHING LEAVE WOULD BE PERMITTED DEPART.

4. LACK OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IS GREATEST DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED BY AMERICAN CITIZENS IN KARPASS. ALONE WITH GREEK CYPRIOT CO-VILLAGERS, THEY ARE RESTRICTED TO VILLAGE BOUNDARIES AND HAVE NO COMMUNICATION WITH OUTSIDE WORLD OTHER THAN ICRC MESSAGE FORMS. THEY WOULD BE UNABLE REACH US QUICKLY IF IN REAL TROUBLE.

5. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR KARPASS RESIDENTS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR FEDERAL PENSION BENEFICIARIES CASH CHECKS SINCE NO BANKS ARE OPERATING IN AREA. AS INTERIM MEASURE, EMBOFFS HAD BENEFICIARIES COUNTERSIGN CHECKS WHICH WE WILL CASH IN TURK CYPRIOT BANK IN NICOSIA. WE PLAN DELIVER CASH BENEFITS NEXT WEEK. (CASHING IN TURKISH BANK STRIKES US AS PRUDENT MEANS OF ASSURING CONTINUED ACCESS.)

6. TRAVEL TO KARPASS HAS UNLOCKED MAJOR LOGJAM HINDERING RESOLUTION EMBASSY'S CONSULAR PROBLEMS. REMAINING PROBLEM AREA IS IN VILLAGES NORTH OF NICOSIA-FAMAGUSTA ROAD IN MESAORIA, ALONG WITH FEW ISOLATED CASES NEAR MORPHOU. WE WILL BE PRESSING ON THESE IN COMING WEEKS. IF YESTERDAY'S COOPERATIVE MOOD PREVAILS, WE SHOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN RESOLVING OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. APPRECIATE ANKARA'S AND DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE ON THIS ISSUE.
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